

Weekly Status & Information Report
February 4 - 8, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of February 11, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m., CC Lilac Room
- Recreation Committee meeting, Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., CC Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. Come to the Library Tomorrow – Saturday, February 9: Make valentines for the special people in your life! Ms. Karen will guide kids in this special craft workshop from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Craft materials will be provided, but registration is required to ensure that we will have enough craft materials for all. Register at www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call the Library at 301-891-7259. (Library)

3. Passion in Court of the Virgin Queen - TOMORROW: The lute songs and solos of this "We are Takoma" program come from the musical treasury of late 16th and early 17th century England. Mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead and lutenist Howard Bass present a pre-Valentine's Day story of love in four short acts, encompassing passionate beginnings, courtship, disappointment, and the ever-hoped-for happy ending. Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events. (Housing and Community Development)

4. Book Discussion: Join the Friends of the Library Reading Group this coming Tuesday evening, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. for a discussion of "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather. All are invited, whether you have read the book, or have wanted to read it, or are simply an admirer of Cather's work and are curious about the Friends discussions. We will meet in the Community Center Hydrangea Room. (Library)

5. World Premier of Butterfly - February 13: Catch the world premiere of local playwright Tom Block's latest play Butterfly, the second in a trilogy exploring the intersection between human spiritual urges and contemporary society. The production features a series of paintings by Block and an original score written and performed by cellist Desiree Miller. The play is directed by Wanderlust Theater Lab founder Roselie Vasquez-Yetter. We are Takoma performance on Wednesday, February 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Suggested donation \$20. www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events. (Housing and Community Development)

6. Open House: Public Works Open House will take place on Monday, February 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 31 Oswego Avenue. Drop in and take a self guided tour of the facility and see the improvements and environmentally beneficial aspects. (Public Works)

7. New Ave Garden Grant - Deadline March 1: Application deadline for the New Ave Garden Grant is extended to March 1, 2013. Grants fund long term improvements for your community to make a difference, from a small tree that is watered and cared for, to a full park renovation! To learn more and apply, contact the Planning Division at 301-891-7119 or see <http://www.theNewAve.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant> (<http://www.thenewave.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant>). (Housing and Community Development)

8. Planning Board Tour of Long Branch: City Planning staff attended the Montgomery County Planning Board's tour of the Long Branch area on February 7, providing information to Board members on areas of the City included in the Plan area, as well as the Flower Avenue Green Street project. The tour was part of the Long Branch Sector Plan development. The public record is open for additional written testimony submissions through March 7 while the Planning Board deliberates on the Plan. To see the draft plan and submit comments for the record, see: <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/longbranch/>. (Housing and Community Development)

9. Long Branch Business League Meeting: City Planning staff attended the Long Branch Business League meeting on February 5, discussing collaboration in the Long Branch commercial area, which is situated on Piney Branch Road, between Flower Avenue and University Boulevard. To learn more about the Long Branch area and business community see: <http://www.longbranchbusinessleague.com/>. (Housing and Community Development)

10. Inter-Agency Roundtable Discussions on Senior Trends and Camps: Paula Lisowski, Leicia Monfort and Lew McAllister attended the Montgomery County Inter-Agency Roundtable Discussions for Recreation & Parks on Friday, February 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Rockville Senior Center. They met with staff from Gaithersburg, Rockville, Montgomery Village, and Montgomery County Recreation to discuss common issues, concerns and trends in programming. (Recreation)

11. Get Fit For Summer!: It is time to get in shape and be ready for the summer. Purchase a membership to the Fitness Room at Takoma Park Recreation Center. The Fitness Room is considered a hidden gem. It has elliptical machines, stair-climbers, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, treadmills, dumbbells and more. If you are looking for the perfect workout to get ready for the summer, then the Takoma Park Recreation Center Fitness Room is the place for you. COMMIT TO GET FIT! For more information, contact John Webster @ 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

12. Spring Break Camp: Come explore with us as we attempt to uncover all of nature's little secrets. Camp will run Monday,

March 25 - Friday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day. All participants must bring a bag lunch. Resident fee: \$140; Non-Resident fee \$160. Fee includes a trip and swimming. Spaces are filling up fast, so register today! For additional information, please contact the Recreation Department at (301) 891-7290. (Recreation)

13. Art of the Game Basketball Tournament: This past week we met with Jose Dominguez, owner of Pyramid Atlantic in Silver Spring, about partnering and creating a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. This will be two one-day tournaments with grades 1-8 on March 30, 2013; and grades 9-12 on April 6, 2013. The extra fun part is that the participants get to go Pyramid Atlantic to design their own team uniforms. The tournament is about exploring your skills on and off the court. (Recreation)

14. Adult Softball League: Registration began this week for Adult Coed Softball. Adult softball registration numbers are growing every season. Last year we had a total of eight teams and expect to add two more teams this season. We are also beginning registration for our First Annual Flag Football League. (Recreation)

15. Flag Football League: We have partnered with the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club to bring Takoma Park's first ever Flag Football League to the City. We will have three divisions in the league: ages 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14. This league was designed due to the overwhelming response to our after school Flag Football program along with the interest of the Boys and Girls Club wanting to start this program. (Recreation)

16. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (February 1-7, 2013) may be viewed online at http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_7.html. (Police)

17. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 140 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic and two warrant arrests from traffic.

February 2, 2013

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

February 5, 2013

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

February 6, 2013

- Hilltop Road & Maple Avenue (do not enter enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Takoma Avenue & Fenton Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and six warnings.

February 7, 2013

- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings. (Police)

18. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of February 4-6

State citations: 10

Calls for service: 5

Reports: 1

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 3

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 1

Warnings: 6

Foot patrol: 1 hour

Court: 10 hours

(Police)